

# **Idaho Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Board Meeting**

**Tuesday – January 25, 2005 – 9:00 A.M.**

**Division of Building Safety  
1090 East Watertower Street  
Meridian, Idaho 83642**

*The following report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript of the discussions at the meeting, but is intended to record the significant features of those discussions.*

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Minegar called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 25, 2005, at the Division of Building Safety, Meridian, Idaho.

## **PRESENT**

Board members present were: Mr. Pat Minegar, Mr. Russ Firkins, Ms. Carol Alexander, Mr. Jim Bledsoe, Mr. Mike Wisdom, and Mr. Steve Keys. Mr. Steve Brown was absent.

Present from the Division of Building Safety were: Mr. Dave Munroe, Administrator; Mrs. Marsi Woody, Financial Officer; Ms. Kay Christensen, Office of the Attorney General; Mr. Ted Hogander, HVAC Bureau Chief; Mr. Russ Owen, HVAC Program Supervisor; Mr. Gary Malmen, Electrical Bureau Chief; and Melinda Doan, HVAC Administrative Assistant and recording secretary.

Also present were: Mr. Doug Hatch, ICC; Mr. Wayne Price, HVAC Association; Mr. Bob Corbell, VAC/IEC Association; Mr. Ron Brown, HVAC Association; Mr. Phil Peterson, SMACNA; Mr. Jerry Peterson, Building Trades; Mr. Dan Bodam, Ridgeway Industrial; Mr. Rod Clay, SW Idaho Plumbers and Pipefitters JATC; Mr. John Cantrell, Bureau of Apprenticeship Training; Mr. Jeff Boyd, Suburban Propane; Mr. Ted Frisbee, Hobson Fabricating; Mr. Lee Rice, City of Boise; Mr. Clay Barny, NWHPBA; Mr. Bruce Graham, Quality Heating/Central Id. HVAC; Mr. Chris Compton, NIC HVACR & HVACReduction.net; Mr. John Paustain, SMWIA Local 213; Mr. Stephen Smith, NE WA/N ID Sheet Metal Apprenticeship; Mr. Collin Smith, Sheet Metal Workers Local Id; Mr. Kraig Stevenson, ICC.

## **MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2004**

Chairman Pat Minegar asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the December 7, 2004, minutes of the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Board Meeting. Mr. Steve Keys made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Jim Bledsoe seconded. All were in favor.

## **TEMPORARY RULES: DOCKET NO. 07-0701-0402**

The HVAC Board members entered into a discussion regarding dropping the temporary rules in which the board decided to license business names as contractors rather than individual people.

Mr. Steve Keys made a motion that the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Board ask the Administrator to request the Legislators to deny Temporary Rule, 07-0701-0402. Mr. Jim Bledsoe seconded. All were in favor.

### **BOND REQUIREMENTS: REPLACE WITH LIABILITY INSURANCE/WORKERS COMPENSATION REQUIREMENTS**

Mr. Bob Corbell reviewed current pending legislation to license all contractors which includes the requirement to for \$300,000.00 Liability Insurance and proof of Workers Compensation, if required. Discussion includes what a bond actually covers, who it covers, and what type of bond.

Ms. Carol Alexander made a motion that the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Board endorse the idea of replacing the \$2,000.00 Surety Bond requirement with the requirement to equal the general contracting licensing requirement of \$300,000.00 Liability Insurance and proof of Workers Compensation (if required) if the general contracting licensing legislation is passed. Mr. Mike Wisdom seconded. All were in favor.

### **OTHER BUSINESS: SPECIALTY LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

Chairman Minegar requested the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Board make a motion to enter into discussion with the Electrical and Plumbing Boards to incorporate specialty license education and requirements into the HVAC licensing requirements. Specifically narrowing down the scope of work allowed under the HVAC license. Mr. Jim Bledsoe made a motion to endorse the concept as requested by Chairman Minegar. Mr. Mike Wisdom seconded. All were in favor.

### **ICC CERTIFICATION AND EXAMINATION SERVICES**

Mr. Doug Hatch of the International Code Council gave a presentation of the examination services available through ICC membership services. An example of a Letter of Agreement was provided to the Division of Building Safety and the HVAC Board for review. Action was not required or taken by the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Board.

### **BREAK**

10:10 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

### **SPECIALTY CATEGORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Ted Hogander and Mr. Bruce Graham presented an overview of the education standards, broken down into two year and four year minimum course requirements. There would be two specialty categories, one for Hearth Specialty and one for Fuel Gas and Venting Specialty, and each would require a two year program to become a journeyman.

A recommendation was offered the committee contact Mr. Burton White of the Division of Professional Technical Education and let him address the development of this curriculum in conjunction with the various schools throughout the state. Any one interested should develop and validate a curriculum and would then bring it back to the Board for approval. Discussion ensued as to how to determine requirements for specialty categories curriculum.

Apprentices registered now will have their time working counted towards their 4 year requirement and should take any courses they feel relevant to submit to the Board/Bureau later for approval.

Chairman Minegar requested a motion from the board to approve the concept presented by the committee. Mr. Jim Bledsoe made a motion for the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Board to allow the HVAC Bureau to move forward with further development of an educational curriculum concept as presented by the committee. Mr. Mike Wisdom seconded. All were in favor.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Ted Frisbee addressed concerns regarding the requirement to obtain both the HVAC license and the Electrical Specialty license to do low voltage controls. It was agreed that current statutes appear to overlap both in Plumbing and in Electrical and will be addressed and resolved in the future but that this will take time. Chairman Minegar deferred this issue to the Electrical Board and Bureau to make an official interpretation.

Mr. Wayne Price addressed immense concern from national associations regarding the banning of un-vented heaters across the state. Idaho is now contrary to 48 other states, as well as, international code. Testimony has been given during this Legislative session in an attempt to have this turned around in committee. The HVAC Board does not control the sales of un-vented heaters.

Clarification was given by Chairman Minegar that any HVAC work which began on or after January 1, 2005, regardless of when the building permit was purchased, will require the purchase of a permit and inspection by a State inspector. Also, a tank set does not require a permit or inspection by the State of Idaho, HVAC Bureau; however, the line underground does.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

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DAVE MUNROE  
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD